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COVID Policy effective 5/16/22

SMMCA is very appreciative of the flexibility shown by students and their families during this year, it is not easy to shift expectations to changing conditions. The goal of SMMCA is to educate students in person, and foster academic excellence and spiritual growth in the Catholic faith. We thank the community for having flexibility as local conditions change, and for persevering as we return to a typical school experience. The county health mandates have provided SMMCA the opportunity to craft options relating to the exposure of students to COVID.

As has been the case all along, any mandates from the Local, State, or Federal governments will be followed by SMMCA. It is important to make sure that all SMMCA families and community members are informed, and aware of changing policies regarding COVID. Taking into consideration input from the Saint Clair Health Dept., Archdiocese of Detroit, the following policy has been adopted by SMMCA:

<p><b>Symptoms of COVID from SCCHD<sup>1</sup></b>          Student has any of the following symptoms (new/different/worse than baseline for any chronic illness):</p>
<p>→ <a href="#">Link to Symptoms of Covid 19 per SCCHD</a></p>

<b>Government Mandates / Orders</b>			
Students who have tested positive for COVID, or are identified as close contacts <b>and</b> symptomatic, must isolate for 5 calendar days and until they are symptom free.	SMMCA will inform the Health Department and publish confirmed cases on our website.	Per CDC public health orders: all persons, regardless of vaccination status, will continue to wear face masks in SMMCA vehicles, including the school bus.	

<sup>1</sup>St. Clair County Health Department. (2021, September 9). *Possible COVID-19 Case in Students*. Saint Clair County Health Department <https://www.stclaircounty.org/offices/health/Schools.aspx>



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St. Mary/McCormick Catholic Academy COVID Policy <sup>2</sup>		
	Household Contact	Other contact (school or social setting)
No Exposure or Symptoms (students/staff)	<b>Attend school</b> , masks encouraged.	<b>Attend school</b> , masks encouraged
Exposure 0-6 feet (Close Contact)	<b>Attend school</b> , testing encouraged* on day 5, and monitor for symptoms.  <b>Mask required</b> for 10 calendar days after exposure.	<b>Conduct symptom monitoring for 10 days, and test if symptoms develop.</b>
Positive Test or Onset of Symptoms	<b>Stay home</b> , isolate for 5 days** If no longer symptomatic, return on day 6 with a mask for 5 calendar days.	
Note: *Rapid testing may be conducted at home by guardian and a photo emailed to <a href="mailto:office@stmarymccormick.com">office@stmarymccormick.com</a> . ** Isolation begins with day "0" on the date that a positive test was obtained if asymptomatic, or when symptoms began.		

<sup>2</sup> Saint Clair County Health Department. (2021, September 30). *Establishing procedures for the quarantine of persons identified as Covid-19 close contacts*. Saint Clair County Health Department. <https://www.stclaircounty.org/offices/health/Schools.aspx>

## Special Circumstances:

### Classroom Quarantine<sup>3</sup>

If a classroom has 5 individuals who have tested positive within a 3 day period, all individuals in the classroom will be treated as close contacts.

### Masking - Whole School<sup>4</sup>

If the school experiences 15%\* positive cases of COVID within 7 days, then a mandatory masking policy will be enacted immediately following the confirmation of the 23rd positive test. The temporary masking mandate will be effective for 7 calendar days, and will apply to staff, students, and volunteers.

\*School population 154 as of 05/10/22

Please be vigilant and check your children for symptoms of illness regularly. Please keep children home who are sick, and test for COVID as soon as symptoms arise. We pray that this will not affect families any more than it already has. If you have questions, please contact SMMCA.

Resources

[Isolation and Quarantine Guidance](#)

[Monoclonal Antibodies Fact Sheet](#)

\*Language adapted from SCCHD, PHASD, and AOD.

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<sup>3</sup>Saint Clair County Health Department. (2021, September 21). *St. Clair County Return to Learn Interim Guidance Brief for 2021-2022 School Year*. Saint Clair County Health Department. <https://www.stclaircounty.org/offices/health/forms/ReturnToLearnGuidance.pdf>

<sup>4</sup> Ibid